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THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A DRAFT SCC PRESS RELEASE PREPARED BY
THE FONOFF IN ANTICIPATION OF AN SCC MEETING THIS SPRING:
BEGIN TEXT

1. THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON (DATE) 1976 AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
ATTENDING THE MEETING FOR JAPAN WERE MR. KIICHI MIYAZAWA,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MR. MICHIO SAKATA, MINISTER
OF STATE FOR DEFENSE. ATTENDING FOR THE UNITED STATES WERE MR.
JAMES D. HODGSON, AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, AND ADMIRAL NOEL A.M.
GAYLER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, UNITED STATES FORCES, PACIFIC
MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE POST
VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST IN WHICH
JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE COMMON INTEREST.

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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 4 OF THE JAPAN-US JOINT

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN AUGUST 1975, AND IN VIEW OF THE MEETING HELD ON THAT MONTH BETWEEN MR. SAKATA, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND DR. SCHLESINGER, FORMER SECDEF, THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED IT NECESSARY TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE SCOPE AND MODALITIES OF JAPAN-U.S. COOPERATION, INCLUDING ITS MILITARY ASPECTS, FOR THE EFFECTIVE ATTAINMENT OF THE PURPOSES OF THE SECURITY TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. AND ITS RELATED ARRANGEMENTS, AND AGREED TO ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION AS THIS COMMITTEE'S SUBORDINATE BODY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION IS TO BE COMPOSED OF, ON THE JAPANESE SIDE, DIRGEN OF THE AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, MOFA, DIRGEN OF THE DEFENSE POLICY BUREAU, JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY, AND DIRECTOR, THE JOINT STAFF, AND OF, ON THE U.S. SIDE, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, U.S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO AND CHIEF OF STAFF, US FORCES JAPAN. THE SUBCOMMITTEE, WHEN NECESSARY, MAY ALLOW THE ATTENDANCE OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING JAPAN-U.S. COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE COORDINATED JOINT OPERATIONS BY THE SELF DEFENSE FORCES AND THE US FORCES AT THE TIME OF EMERGENCY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY TREATY AND ITS RELATED ARRANGEMENTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS TO THIS COMMITTEE.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION MAY, WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY, ESTABLISH PANELS AS ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE STUDY CONFERENCE BETWEEN SELF DEFENSE FORCES AND THE UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NINTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 1968 WILL BE ABOLISHED.

4. BOTH SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 1973, HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY

AND EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE ACTIVELY CONSULTATIONS THROUGH THE GROUP.

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5. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE PLAN FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE US FORCES FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE WHICH WAS AGREED ON AT THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE SCC. AS A RESULT, BOTH SIDES AFFIRMED THEIR INTENTIONS TO MAKE CONTINUED EFFORTS FOR SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT RELEASES OF "FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR RELEASE WITHOUT RELOCATION" HAVE BEEN REALIZED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT AND THAT MOST OF "FACILITIES AND AREAS, RELEASE OF WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION"

HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHOUT RELOCATION.

THE COMMITTEE WELCOMED THAT, IN ADDITION TO CAMP BOONE WHICH WAS RELEASED WITHOUT RELOCATION, THE U.S. SIDE HAS AGREED TO THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASES TO THE JAPANESE SIDE OF KASHIJI ARMY ANNEX, ZUKERAN COMMUNICATION SITE AND CAMP MERCY, ALL OF WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY THOSE FACILITIES AND AREAS LISTED AS "FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR RELEASE CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT ON RELOCATION ARRANGEMENTS AND ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION".

6. THE COMMITTEE ALSO STUDIED AND ENDORSED THE ATTACHED PLAN FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE OF PEOPLE OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF JAPAN AND THE U.S.

7. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE CURRENT LABOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE U.S. FORCES JAPAN. BOTH SIDES AGREED UPON THE NECESSITY OF CLOSER CONSULTATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IN ORDER TO SOLVE LABOR PROBLEMS AT ISSUE, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO WAGES AND OTHER LABOR CONDITIONS.

AND THE U.S. SIDE ASSURED THE JAPANESE SIDE THAT ADVANCE TERMINATION NOTICE OF 90 DAYS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE GOJ IN MOST INSTANCES.

8. THE COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INVOLVING U.S. FACILITIES AND AREAS IS A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE IN WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE COMMON INTEREST, AND AGREED ON THE NEED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL
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9. LIST OF THE U.S. FORCES FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE TO BE REALIGNED AND CONSOLIDATED:
FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR TOTAL OR PARTIAL RELEASE WITHOUT RELOCATION
-- UKIBARU JIMA TRAINING AREA (TOTAL RELEASE)
-- NORTHERN TRAINING AREA (A PART OF PORTION SOUTH OF PREFECTURAL NAGO-KUNIGAMI LINE)
-- CAMP SCHWAB (A PART OF PORTION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY 329)
-- CAMP HANSEN (A PART OF SLOPE PORTION ON THE EAST CHINA SEA SIDE)
-- ARMY POL DEPOT (PORTION BETWEEN KADENA-CHO AND YOMITAN-SON)
FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR TOTAL OR PARTIAL RELEASE CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT ON RELOCATION ARRANGEMENTS AND ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

- IE JIMA AUXILIARY AIRFIELD (TOTAL RELEASE)
- YAEDAKE COMMUNICATION SITE (PORTION ON SOUTH SIDE)
- CAMP SCHWAB (ACCESS ROAD FROM HENOKO RIVER AND A PART OF WESTERN PORTION ADJACENT TO THE ACCESS ROAD)
- KADENA AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA (PORTION ON SOUTH-WEST CORNER)
- YOMITAN AUXILIARY AIRFIELD (PORTION EAST OF RUNWAY)
- TORRI COMMUNICATION SITE (RELAY STATION AREA REMAINING IN THE ALREADY RELEASED PORTION)

- CAMP ZUKERAN (EASTERN PORTION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY 58).

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